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SUBJECT: NPT REVCON: VISIT OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY

1. USDEL UNDERSTANDS THAT SEN EDWARD KENNEDY PLANS VISIT GENEVA MAY 21 BETWEEN 10:30 AM AND 1:30 PM IN ORDER TO ADDRESS NPT REVCON. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY SINCE THE CONFERENCE CONCLUDED ITS GENERAL DEBATE MAY 12 AND FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL BE MEETING IN COMMITTEES. WE WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST ARRANGING A MEETING ON MAY 21 THAT WOULD BE NOMINALLY OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE BUT WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE SAME BUILDING AND TO WHICH USDEL WOULD INVITE ALL DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING PARTIES, SIGNATORIES, OBSERVERS AND NGOS) PLUS CONFERENCE OFFICIALS AND PRESS. CONFERENCE OFFICERS EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN SENATOR'S VISIT AND HAVE OFFERED MAKE SUITABLE CONFERENCE ROOM AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 11:30, THE TIME WHICH WE UNDERSTAND SENATOR KENNEDY PREFERS FOR HIS SPEECH. WHILE TWO MAIN CONFERENCE COMMITTEES WILL PROBABLY STILL BE MEETING AT THAT HOUR WE EXPECT THAT NEARLY ALL DELEGATIONS WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO HEAR HIS STATEMENT. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO HAVE THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, MADAME THORRSON, INTRODUCE THE SENATOR. (WE DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION OF THE SPEECH SINCE VIRTUALLY ALL KEY DELEGATES UNDERSTAND ENGLISH. MOREOVER, THIS SERVICE WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID FOR BY USG.)

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2. FOLLOWING THE SPEECH, AND AS SUGGESTED BY SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE, WE PLAN A RECEPTION AT THE CONFERENCE SITE TO WHICH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND TOP CONFERENCE OFFICERS (TOTAL OF ABOUT 60) WOULD BE INVITED. WE ESTIMATE THIS WOULD REQUIRE AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$250 IN OUR REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS.

3. WE REQUEST DEPT CONTACT SENATOR KENNEDY'S STAFF AND INFORM US OF THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED ABOVE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE SENATOR DESIRES A PRESS CONFERENCE AND WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FOR SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOTEL SPACE AND FOR ACCOMMODATING OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY. ABRAMS

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